



## JACKSON COUNTY Library Services

### Applegate Library

## Our library needs friends!

Hey folks, remember when our libraries were closed and how miserable we all were? Can you think back to all of those resolutions that you made to help our library if it ever opened again? Well, now's the time! Our library has been open for several months and is functioning just fine on its three, four-hour days a week. (Tuesday from 2:00-6:00, Friday from 2:00-6:00 and Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00). We have a great librarian with Phyllis Zerr, and now we have a new assistant, Thalia Truesdale, who is full of energy and creative ideas. All we need are some dedicated Friends to hold down the fort.

Friends of the Applegate Library is the group of citizens who really care about keeping our library active and alive. It is the Board of Directors, consisting of a president (Susan Bratt) a treasurer (Thelma Goodnough) and a secretary (Joan Peterson). Several other faithful members attended the meetings. These folks decide what programs we might like to have in the meeting room, what kind of landscaping we need around the building, what displays would make the library room more interesting. The Friends of the Applegate Library is the group of people who keep the wheels turning throughout the building and property, and extend our needs into the community by way of art shows, silent auctions and special dinners at Eve's. We need more Friends!

The Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL) meets four times a year, in January, April, July and October. The meetings are usually about an hour long, and sometimes we even have snacks! We talk about what we would like to see in our library, and how things could be improved. We talk about our book sales and what would be the best entertainment for our community through our famous Chautauqua programs (there is so much to choose from!) and other resources throughout our valley. Last year, the Friends raised over \$600 for some lovely hybrid pine trees, which have been planted in front of the library. Please come and see them. They have greatly added to the library's landscaping plan.

You can become a member of FOAL by picking up a membership form the next time you are in the library and paying the very reasonable dues (\$15 per year). You can come to our next meeting on January 13, 2009 at 4:30 in the meeting room of the Applegate Library with ideas of what you might like to see in our library. We welcome you to join our circle of Friends.

Joan Peterson  
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### Ruch Library

## Cavalcade of Culture

Ruch Library presents an eclectic line up of special programs for this winter and spring at the Community Room in Ruch Library. In response to our earlier questionnaire, we have attempted to include programs for every interest. If you would like to receive notice of each event, please email Cynthia Cheney at akantha@mac.com to be placed on the mailing list. Refreshments will be provided at each event, and we are seeking people willing to be on a list of potential providers of repast. If you would like to contribute refreshments on occasion, please contact Fran Hopkins at 541-899-9602 or email her at franhop@gmail.com. Thank you!

We are very excited about these upcoming programs and we hope to see you there!

**Friday, January 9, 7 pm "How Dogs Think" with Cary Voorhees**

Cary has been training dogs for 21 years and holds degrees in both zoology and psychology. For the past 16 years Cary has been teaching obedience classes and working as a behavior consultant with dogs. (Please leave your dog at home for this event.)

**Saturday, February 7, 3 pm, "Idea of Justice," Chautauqua program** from the Oregon Council for the Humanities with Lani Roberts, Oregon State University, discussing how our society has dealt with justice throughout history.

**Saturday, February 28, 1 pm "Starting Seeds At Home"**

Don Shaffer, Jackson County Master Gardener Association

Learn how to successfully start your own garden starts from seed. Topics include selecting seed, using the proper seed starting medium, and creating the ideal germination environment. We will also cover transplant mixes and how to transplant, with an opportunity to try your hand at seeding and transplanting.

**Friday, March 6, 7 pm "Creating and Caring for Rock Gardens" by Ed Reilly**

Rock gardening typically involves the growing of plants found at high elevation mountain tops and meadows. Rock gardening appeals to many because of the large number and variety of plants that can be grown in a small space. This presentation will include the basics of planning, building and caring for a rock garden. Numerous slides of rock gardens along with rock garden plants will be shown and discussed. Making and planting your own hyper-tufa trough gardens will also be included.

**Saturday, March, at 1 pm "Local Noxious Weeds"**

Bob Bedesa, retired BLM/USFS Noxious Weed Specialist presents a brief history of the more common

invasive plants in our region, such as Yellow Starthistle, Puncture Vine (aka Goatshead), Purple Loosestrife, and Japanese Knotweed, how their populations grew out of control, how they affect our native plant and animal populations, and what we can do to prevent and treat these noxious weeds on our private rural properties.

We'll discuss early detection and identification, effective seasons for control, tools and methods known to be

effective in controlling noxious weeds, as well as what the future might hold.

Coming in April and May: A Local History program, Jenni Foster with Railroad songs, Mark Prchal with local geology. And Thomas Doty with Native American Applegate Valley Tales. Stay tuned for the dates and times in the next Applegater.

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### Ruch Library Chautauqua The Idea of Justice Saturday, February 7, 3 pm

Lani Roberts, a fifth-generation Oregonian who's been teaching philosophy at OSU since 1989, will discuss how our society has dealt with justice throughout history in "The Idea of Justice." Jackson County Library Services and the Friends of Ruch Library are pleased to sponsor this Oregon Chautauqua from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. This free, public program will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2009, 3 pm, in the Community Meeting Room, Ruch Branch Library, 7919 Highway. 238, Ruch.

For 25 centuries two kinds of justice have prevailed in Western human communities. Distributive justice pertains to how a community shares its social goods. Retributive justice addresses punishment for criminal wrongdoing. What, then, is restorative justice?

Restorative justice came into focus in the 1990s as a group of South Africans thought about how to peacefully resolve the profound harms perpetuated by supporters of apartheid. It suggests that when perpetrator and victim are face-to-face and tell the truth about what was done to whom, dignity is restored to both parties so that it is possible to extend forgiveness and begin healing. Lani Roberts discusses this remarkable process, which is increasingly a part of the American justice system in the form of mediation.

Lani's research and teaching centers on the intersection between some of our most deeply held values and our actual daily practice. For example, she notes that "we live in an increasingly ethnically mixed society and diversity is no longer just an



idea of what might be. This is both a blessing and a challenge to us all." By studying the challenges that arise when some aspects of our culture impede our ability to act according to our ideals, Roberts hopes Oregonians will be able to close the gap between our ideal and our behavior.

The Idea of Justice is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities (OCH), an independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities that is dedicated to the belief that knowledge and ideas are fundamental to the health of our communities. More information about OCH's programs and publications, which include Oregon Chautauqua, Humanity in Perspective, and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at [www.oregonhum.org](http://www.oregonhum.org).

For more information, call the Ruch Branch Library at 541-899-7438.

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